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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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2 Department of Transportation to hold hearings on the placement of the
3 entire state of Indiana in the Central Time Zone.

4 *Whereas, The Uniform Time Act of 1966 (15 U.S.C. 260 et*
5 *seq.) delegates to the Secretary of the United States*
6 *Department of Transportation the responsibility of*
7 *designating standard time zones in the United States;*

8 *Whereas, Indiana is presently divided between the Central*
9 *Time Zone and the Eastern Time Zone;*

10 *Whereas, Considerations of geography indicate that the*
11 *entire state of Indiana should be located in the Central Time*
12 *Zone;*

13 *Whereas, The observance of time in the Central Time Zone*
14 *would return most of Indiana to normal times for daylight*
15 *and darkness;*

16 *Whereas, Relocation of the time zone boundary will provide*
17 *that most Hoosiers will observe the same time year round;*

18 *Whereas, Request for changes in the designated time zones*
19 *must be made by a local unit of government or a state*
20 *government to the Secretary of the United States Department*
21 *of Transportation;*

22 *Whereas, The Secretary of the United States Department of*
23 *Transportation may make changes in time zone boundaries,*



1 *subject to public hearings in the communities affected, at the*
 2 *request of the highest political authority of the state;*

3 *Whereas, The time that should be observed in Indiana has*
 4 *been a continuing issue of controversy;*

5 *Whereas, The general assembly finds that it would be in the*
 6 *best interest of the citizens of Indiana to be located in the*
 7 *Central Time Zone;*

8 *Whereas, Placement of the entire state of Indiana in the*
 9 *Central Time Zone should be the "default" time zone*
 10 *placement of Indiana; and*

11 *Whereas, Placement of the entire state of Indiana in the*
 12 *Central Time Zone should not prejudice the ability of certain*
 13 *counties under the federal law to seek to be placed in the*
 14 *Eastern Time Zone: Therefore,*

15 *Be it resolved by the Senate*
 16 *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*
 17 *the House of Representatives concurring:*

18 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly hereby petitions
 19 the United States Department of Transportation to initiate proceedings
 20 under the Uniform Time Act of 1966 to hold hearings in the
 21 appropriate locations in Indiana on the placement and restoration of the
 22 entire state of Indiana in the Central Time Zone.

23 SECTION 2. That this petition should not prejudice, in any way, the
 24 ability of any Indiana county to seek to be placed in the Eastern Time
 25 Zone under the procedures prescribed by federal law.

26 SECTION 3. That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
 27 transmit a copy of this resolution to Sue Dillon, Central Time Coalition,
 28 and the United States Department of Transportation.

